



**KMHS HIGH Q TEAM**-These Kings Mountain students and their coach, Steve Ellis, will match wits on Super Saturday this Saturday with 350 of the brightest high school students from the southern Piedmont at Davidson College in a High Q competition sponsored by Davidson, IBM and WTVI. Pictured with Ellis, seated, are Kimberly Hoyle, left, David Blanton, James Adams and Shane Stout. Not pictured are Jason Tignor and J. J. Downey.

## KMHS In High-Q Competition

Six students from Kings Mountain High School will match wits with 350 of the brightest high school students from throughout the Southern Piedmont at Davidson College Saturday.

"We're hopeful that we'll be the first KM High Q team to make the top 16 since 1968," said Steve Ellis, coach of the team, which includes Juniors Kimberly Hoyle, J. J. Downey, David Blanton and seniors Shane Stout, Jason Tignor and James Adams.

Since the beginning of school, the High Q team has been working on questions which cover any subject from classics to current events, says Ellis. The 16 teams which emerge with the best scores will return to Davidson Feb. 2 in head-to-head competition. The top eight

teams from that round will face each other in competitions at the WTVI studios to determine the two finalists. The preliminary matches will be broadcast on WTVI on Sundays beginning in early March. The final match will be broadcast live on WTVI on April 29. WBTV personality Mike McKay will moderate all rounds.

Each team participating in Super Saturday will get one shot at answering the same barrage of general interest questions. Competition for half the teams will begin at 9:30 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. for the other half.

Intense curiosity about everything leads students to join High Q teams, says Ellis. All team members receive a High-Q t-shirt and certificate of participation. The winning team receives the trophy,

and their school gets to keep the permanent High-Q trophy for the next year. The winning and runner-up teams also win an IBM PS/2 computer for their high schools. Last year's winner was South Mecklenburg High School. Other frequent winners have been West Charlotte and East Mecklenburg high schools.

The High-Q competition was originated by Central Piedmont Community College and held on the CPCC campus for nine years. It was moved to Davidson in 1989, where Hansford Epes, a Davidson German and humanities professor, will direct the event. "Competition always makes me feel good about the public school system," he said. "Teams put a lot of effort into this. The students work hard and have dedicated teachers working with them."

## KM Schools Schedule Of Activities

KM Schools schedule of activities through February 11:

Jan. 17 - Senior cap and gown orders, KMHS commons area, 8-11 a.m.; KMHS swim meet at Shelby, 5:15.

Jan. 18 - Mandatory work day; KMHS SAT Task Force meeting with Walter Jacobs, 8 a.m.-12 noon, room 2216; Girls JV basketball at Maiden, 4 p.m.; Varsity basketball home vs. Shelby, 6:00; Varsity wrestling at Shelby, 7 p.m.; cheerleader dance 9:30-11:30; KM EOP CPR course at First Baptist.

Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Holiday; KMHS Citizens Community Concerns, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Barnes Auditorium.

Jan. 22 - KMHS girls JV basketball vs. West Lincoln, 4:30; Varsity basketball vs. R-S Central; Varsity wrestling at R-S Central, 7 p.m.

Jan. 22-31 - Bethware School Reading Criterion Testing (22nd); Kindergarten Task Force visits Claremont Elementary School; East School Criterion Tests (22nd-31st).

Jan. 24 - Report cards issued; KMHS SAT Task Force Parent meeting, 3-5 p.m., room 2216; Home swim meet 5:15.

Jan. 25 - KMHS wrestling vs. South Point, 7 p.m.; Basketball at South Point; West School Awards Day; East School Awards Day 1 p.m.; Bethware Terrific Kids 2 p.m.

Jan. 28 - KMHS parent-teacher conference 6-8 p.m.; North Principal's Pals 1 p.m.

Jan. 29 - East School Geography Bee preliminary round; Workshop for parents at Bethware, 7-8 p.m. (Topic - Self Esteem, Feeling Good About Yourself).

Jan. 31 - KMHS financial aid workshop by Eileen Dills, 7 p.m.; Home swim meet 5:15.

Feb. 1 - KMHS basketball at East Rutherford.

Feb. 2 - KMHS wrestling in conference tournament at R-S Central.

Feb. 4 - North School Science Fair in library.

Feb. 5 - KMHS wrestling, first round Dual Team State Tournament; Basketball home vs. Burns; Suzanne Griffin of Anson County visiting North Media Center.

Feb. 6 - Globework Assembly from NC Shakespeare Festival at KMHS.

Feb. 7 - Science Fair judging at Bethware (projects on display in evening for parents); Student

**DECA TO MEET** - The Distributive Education Clubs of America will meet Thurs., Jan. 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cleveland Community College. Over 450 students from Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties will participate in contests. For more information, call Ed White at 484-4010.

teachers Linda Stapleton and Barbara Emery from Gardner-Webb will be welcomed; KMHS Effective Schools Awareness Training, 1:30 p.m., School Board Room.

Feb. 8 - KMHS basketball home vs. North Gaston. SWC swim meet

at Isothermal Community College; Beta Club dance at KMHS, 9:30-11:30; KMHS wrestling in Dual Team State finals; Citizens of Month recognition, 2 p.m. at Bethware.

Feb. 11 - KMHS SAT Task Force; East School Science Fair.

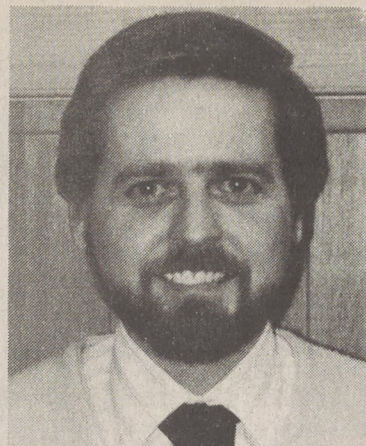
## KM School Psychologist

Evaluating kids and helping them deal with learning problems is a job that David Owens, 35, chose 12 years ago when he took his professor's advice and changed his career choice from that of classroom teacher.

He became the school psychologist here after earning his BA degree in Psychology/Sociology in 1977 from Francis Marion College, Florence, S. C. He earned his MS in school psychology in 1978 from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

His work responsibilities include administering psychological evaluation required in the referral to placement process of students in the Exceptional Children's Program. "It's a rewarding experience," says Owens.

Owens, who resides in Clover, S.C. with his family, completed training for School Psychology, Level II in 1982 through NCDPI. He is a member of both the National Association of School Psychologists and the N. C. School Psychology Association and was recently designated a nationally certified school psychologist by the



DAVID OWENS

National School Psychology Certification Board.

Owens' wife, Doneese, teaches fourth grade at North School, where their son, Jeremy, is a first grade student and daughter, Liana, is a fourth grader. They are members of Celriver Church of God in Rock Hill, where David is church pianist and member of the finance committee and Doneese is children's church director.

Owens is headquartered at North School.

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## Central Landscaping Project Approved

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Thursday night approved a contract of \$5,868 with Smith Landscaping for landscaping at Central School.

It probably represents the first step toward moving the Administration offices from its current facility on Parker Street to the Central School campus.

Smith was authorized to landscape the vacant lot near the corner of Ridge and Gaston streets which at one time included a house which served as the office of the Superintendent of Schools. The system plans to remove broken concrete, bring in fill-dirt and construct a visibility barrier for unsightly areas.

The project is the first phase of landscaping which will later include removal of an old fence and planting of shrubbery. Much of the work will be done by school staff.

Supt. Bob McRae told the board the work will "enhance the beauty of an already beautiful campus."

Central is serving as temporary quarters for East School this year while new construction is underway at the East facility on Cleveland Avenue. Next year, West students will move to Central for a year while construction is taking place at West.

Although the School Board has not developed any definite plans for Central, it eventually hopes to move the Administration Offices and maintenance department to the former middle school campus. The second and third floors would probably be renovated into offices and a board room and the rest of the building used for storage. The maintenance department would use the outside buildings, and the auditorium would probably become the home of Kings Mountain Little Theatre. Kings Mountain Boys Club presently uses the gymnasium.

"We don't know what kind of renovations would be involved," McRae said. "We have to finish the West and North building projects before we get into that. But, essentially, we would turn some classrooms into offices, tear down some walls and probably turn two classrooms into a board meeting room and two others into the finance department."

McRae said the maintenance department has been given the authority to move from its current facility to Central "whenever in their opinion is the right time to do it." McRae said they could possibly move to Central before the end of the next school year.

As for the administration, he said if the money is available to go ahead with renovations as soon as West students are out of the building that the administration office would probably remain at the present location. However, if money is not available to do all renovations at once the administration offices would probably move and "let the renovations work around us."

"Of course, none of this is official," he said, "it's just in general terms of what we've been talking about."

McRae said it could take two to six years before the move takes place, depending on capital outlay funds.

When that time comes, the board would have to make a decision as to what to do with the maintenance

plant, formerly Parkgrace School, and the administration offices, formerly Davidson School. If those buildings are sold, McRae said the money will be put back into the building program for renovations at Central School.

In other action Thursday, the board:

\*Appointed parents Robert Curry and Jackie Fisher and board member Billy Houze to the school calendar committee; and appointed board member Ronald Hawkins to the Health Council.

\*Hired Holland and Hamrick of Shelby as architect for the West School building project.

\*Saw the first draft of the proposed superintendent's evaluation instrument. Board members Billy King and Ronnie Hawkins were authorized by the board to design the form and King asked other board members to present any possible changes for consideration at next month's meeting.

\*Received an award from Martha Scruggs of the Cleveland

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